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UNJUST SCHOOL FUND APPORTIONMENT.

The present system of school fund apportionment is very unjust to the small districts. Many of them in every county of the state are still unable to keep schools open more than for three to six months in the year.

Most of the country schools teach only the eight grades, and if children get nine grades they must be sent elsewhere, and parents must pay tuition.

Under present laws most of the smaller districts pay more school taxes than is apportioned back to them, and thus help build up schools in larger and richer districts.

For instance, in Linn county the amounts paid into the county school fund and the amounts received are as follows in following districts:

District	Amt. Pd.	Amt. Recd.
Lebanon	\$1,034.48	\$2,514.60
Porter	536.83	192.00
Holley	1,605.50	140.00
Brownsville	1,479.65	2,154.00
Harrisburg	975.78	1,272.00
Sioux	864.60	725.00
Albany	6,084.40	6,972.00
Tallman	615.41	359.00
No. 39	319.81	109.00
No. 46	306.42	135.00
No. 25	716.04	300.00
No. 19	577.23	378.00

The above illustrates the injustice of the present system of collecting and apportioning the county school fund.

If members of the legislature will ask their county superintendent of schools to investigate this question, they will find the same truth in each county of the state. Small districts are paying for the benefit of larger districts.

There are many good-sized country towns in Oregon that have only a six months' school. The children lose much of the good effect of the training and instruction received before they get back into school. Legislation that will remedy this state of affairs should be encouraged at this session.

A NEW CONSTITUTION.

Oregon needs a new legal garment to stand in before the world, and this legislature should give us a constitutional convention.

The old suit of clothes cut by the constitutional fathers fifty years ago have been outgrown and outworn.

They are baggy at the knees, out at the elbows, and have holes in the seat of the trousers from sitting too long. The sleeves are short, and the legs of the pants don't come down more than half way to the shoes.

Oregon has expanded around the waist until the old trousers and waistcoat will not reach, and we stand unbuttoned before the world.

Good enough in their day, or good material, better sewed together than many modern constitutions, still the old garment is full of holes.

Pass the constitutional convention bill before you adjourn, Messrs. Lawmakers.

The qualifications of the Brownell bill for members of the constitutional convention are the same as now required for members of the legislature.

This requires that they shall hold no other office. Some advocate taking of this restriction and allowing any official to be elected a member of the constitutional convention.

This argument is based on the proposition that judges of the supreme court, state officials or circuit judges or present federal officials shall be eligible as constitution makers.

The objection to this is that the constitutional convention should be as close to the people as possible, and not too much under the control of the managers and beneficiaries of political management.

We incline to the latter view. If reformers come from those who are in office, or who have long been in power.

NORMAL SCHOOL REFORM.

The Vawter bill, to place all the state normal schools under one board of regents should become a law.

The present plan of having twelve regents for each normal school has not worked well, and has not made the schools what they should be.

Many of these local regents have not the time or inclination to give the subject of education much attention.

The new bill gives one regent to each county that has a normal school, and

with the state board of education, they are one state board.

That would remove all improper local pressure and secure for all the schools equal treatment upon their merits and top building new ones.

The new bill for the control of normal schools would place them on a sound footing, and insure a business administration of each school.

Their work would have to be entirely professional work, and they would get no appropriations not actually needed for that work.

They would have a uniform course of study, and their graduate would rank up with those of any normal school of other states, which is not now the case.

The Vawter bill reaches at the fundamental defect of these schools—the charge that they are local institutions, working a local graft on the rest of the state.

This bill would make them normal schools in fact, and would add 100 per cent to the value of their work for the common schools.

HOW COMMISSIONS GROW.

Labor Commissioner Hoff is a good example of the way commissions grow and feed on the people.

Several bills have been introduced that extended the functions of his office, and multiply his duties.

Not satisfied with being merely labor commissioner in a state with almost no labor organizations, he is to take a census.

In another session a lot more duties will be added, and clerks will be employed and large volumes printed that no one will read.

This is the disease of European parasitism and bureaucracy that has sapped the vitality of most governments in the past.

This is the craze that renders a government top-heavy with officialism and undermines the independence of the people.

All bills increasing the functions of commissions and commissioners should be killed.

No sooner is one of these fellows comfortably in office than he goes to expanding and securing legislation to swell himself up beyond recognizable dimensions.

The most persistent lobbyists for increasing their own emoluments are these commissioners who have little or nothing to do.

They get busy with all kinds of schemes to add to their duties and perquisites, and the legislator is their easy victim.

There is no office in this state with less legitimate work to perform than labor commissioner, and he is possibly excusable for trying to have some duties imposed upon himself.

HOW TO TRY ON A HAT.

The crowning glory of a woman has been said to be her hair. That was before the days of common sense.

But many have not yet developed in to that stage of human experience called common sense, and still judge women by outward appearance.

If hair is her crowning glory then a correct hat worn correctly is the jewel of that crown, and how to try it on is important.

The latest rule of fashion makes this a very important trifle in the proper education of a woman—he must have three hats.

Your three hats should always be chosen with great care, and should be tried on only with the gowns with which they are to be worn," writes Lillian Russell, on "How to Be Well Dressed With Only Three Gowns."

They should be tried on before a triple mirror, for it must be remembered that a hat bewitchingly becoming in front may be absolutely grotesque in the back, or hopelessly unbecoming on the side.

Never choose a hat in a hurry. Never choose a hat when your hair is not becomingly done.

When you go to the milliner take plenty of time, wear the gown with which you intend to wear the hat, and be seated before a triple mirror.

Use your own judgment, and do not be talked into buying anything about which you are doubtful.

Every woman knows her own face better than the milliner does.

China is undoubtedly the greatest slave country in the world. Of a population of 400,000,000, over one-fourth are slaves. Every family of means keeps its girl slaves. The girls are mostly purchased to do housework, it being cheaper to buy them than to hire.

Many of the British soldiers suffered greatly from snow blindness in Tibet. The native Tibetans escape snow blindness as do the inhabitants in other sunny parts of the world, by greasing the face and then blackening the skin all around the eyes with a burnt stick.

J. N. Tilton, a merchant of Bozeman, Mont., left in a will that was probated on October 10th the income of his estate, which will amount to several thousand dollars annually for the celebration of the Fourth of July with fireworks, flags and bunting.

England is to have another "little war" soon for next month she is to push 2000 Sudanese troops into Niam Niam, a country about 800 miles south west of Khartoum. As Niam Niam has an army of 25,000 men, there will probably be a few new V. C.'s bought.

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A HEALTHY OLD AGE

OFTEN THE BEST PART OF LIFE

Help for Women Passing Through Change of Life

Providence has allotted us each at least seventy years in which to fulfill our mission in life, and it is generally our own fault if we die prematurely.



Mrs. Mary Koehne

Nervous exhaustion invites disease. This statement is the positive truth.

When everything becomes a burden and you cannot walk a few blocks without excessive fatigue, and you break out into perspiration easily, and your face flushes, and you grow excited and shaky at the least provocation, and you cannot bear to be crossed in anything, you are in danger; your nerves have given out; you need building up at once! To build up woman's nervous system and during the period of change of life we know of no better medicine than Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Here is an illustration. Mrs. Mary L. Koehne, 371 Garfield Avenue, Chicago, Ill., writes:

"I have used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for years in my family and it never disappoints; so when I felt that I was nearing the change of life I commenced treatment with it. I took in all about six bottles and it did me a great deal of good. It stopped my dizzy spells, pains in my back and the headache with which I had suffered for months before taking the Compound. I feel that if it had not been for this great medicine for women that I should not have been alive to-day. It is splendid for women, old or young, and will surely cure all female disorders."

Mrs. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., invites all sick and ailing women to write her for advice. Her great experience is at their service, free of cost.

X-RAYS

Furnishing the legislators good weather, good water to drink and good newspapers, they must do the rest.

What does a man want to get to be chairman of a railroad committee for, but to be able to distribute passes.

Cavender, of Linn, is doing a nice thing by the candidates who want to make reform records by voting for resolutions that cinch the corporations.

All right, governor, don't let them work those emergency clauses on you. If the initiative and referendum is good for anything it is to let the people have a chance to kill bad legislation.

The senate killed the Sonnenmann resolution sustaining President Roosevelt in his demands for regulation of interstate commerce. Only a few Republicans voted for it. Of course, nobody owns the senate with its wide open distribution of railroad passes.

Representative Kuney says as they have passed bills to make it impossible for a fish to live in the water, he wants to give them a chance to exist on dry state commerce. Only a few Republicans taking of salmon by lasso, dog, or chasing them down on horseback.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When the tube is inflamed you have a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and, unless the inflammation can be taken out, and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY, & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

New Edison Theatre.

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HOUSE GRINDS GRAFTS

And Slips Through a Few Good Bills

Bailey's Measure to Rid Society of a Vicious Human Parasite

House opened with prayer by Rev. Crawford.

The county attorney's bill was taken up on special order.

Kay championed the measure and it provides for county prosecuting attorneys, making each county one district, and abolishing district attorneys and deputies. He said it was the intent of this house to get up a bill that would be suitable. The majority wanted a bill of this kind passed, and it ought not to be suppressed. It was referred back to the judiciary committee.

H. B. No. 142—By Burns, of Coos and Curry, to amend fishery laws of 1903, increasing revenues from licenses, canneries and disposing of same. Mr. Burns spoke for the bill as a revenue measure. He showed that it was only right that those who profited by this lucrative industry should pay for the support of the same. Passed.

H. B. No. 203—By Newell, of Washington, for farmers' institutes, appropriating \$2500. Mr. Newell showed that this was an educational measure, advocated by the grangers.

Cornett said this bill was unnecessary. They would hold these institutes anyhow, and they were already provided for out of a fund.

Jagger said it was a graft, and he wanted the bill killed. He had attended the institutes, and they were not of much account.

Kay supported the bill, and it went through.

Speaker Mills named Representatives Colwell and Kay on joint committee to investigate Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, and other similar institutions located at Portland.

H. B. No. 23—By Mager, to transfer swamp land funds to general fund. Passed.

H. B. 146—By Cavender, to license sailor boarding houses. Laid on the table.

H. B. No. 208—By Bailey, to punish husbands who live off the earnings of their wives or solicit females for immoral purposes. Bill makes crime a felony. Mr. Bailey stated that the bill was aimed at one of the most vicious classes of parasites that afflict society, and there was not a vote against the bill.

H. B. No. 123—By Laws, fixing salary of county judge of Clatsop county. Passed.

H. B. No. 205—By Griffin, salaries of Lane county. Passed.

H. B. No. 177—By Bettlemire, to establish tare on hops at five pounds per bale. Makes tare of Oregon same as other states. Passed.

On this bill Mr. Bettlemire, of the committee on agriculture, made a clear statement of the matter from a business standpoint, showing that it meant thousands of dollars to the growers of hops.

Cornett, of Linn, opposed the bill, as interfering with commerce.

Caldwell stated that the actual tare on a bale of hops was about 4 1/2 pounds.

Bettlemire closed the debate by stating that the Oregon producer should have every advantage that accrued to growers in other states. Passed.

H. B. No. 249—By Caldwell, charter of Newberg. Passed.

H. B. No. 215—By Miles, charter of Sheridan. Passed.

Kay moved that next Wednesday evening be set aside for passage of charter bills. Carried.

H. B. No. 230—By Miles, of Yamhill, fixing salary of county superintendent. Passed.

Bailey moved that all bills of purely local character be made special order for next Wednesday evening. Carried.

H. B. No. 74—Smith of Josephine, relating to notices public. Changes law requiring fee of \$10, and acts must be recorded with county clerk. Ayes 23, nays 23.

Mayer and McLeod explained their vote, and turned the tide against the bill, most of the ayes having been cast before they spoke.

H. B. No. 172—By Newell, of Washington, regulating transport of insane. It provides that a trained attendant shall be sent from the asylum to bring patients to the asylum, and that a woman must in all cases escort a female patient. He showed that there would be a great saving in expense, and that it would be an act of humanity.

Speaker Mills took the floor and said that the saving of \$10,000 a year would be nothing compared to the reputation we would sustain for humanity and decency in housing this bill.

Burns, of Coos and Curry, opposed the bill. To send trained attendants seemed to be all right. But he decided that the treatment of patients was inhuman and barbaric. In some of the remote parts of the state it would take three or four days to send an attendant, and that person, sometimes a man or violently insane, might suffer serious injury.

Kay favored the bill. Two years ago it passed the senate and required the presence of nearly all the members of the state to defeat the bill in the house. McLeod made a feeling speech for the bill. He was followed by Edwards and Richey, and the bill passed. Ayes 44, nays 2.

Senate—Friday Forenoon.

S. J. M. No. 2—By Newell, asking congress for increase of Indian War

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S. B. 183—Coke, authorizing the county court of Coos county to appropriate \$2500 for the Lewis and Clark fair.

S. B. 184—Malarkey, to amend divorce laws.

S. B. 185—Kykendall, to amend code.

S. B. 186—Booth, for inheritance tax.

S. B. 187—Croisan, to prevent swine from running at large in Marion county.